



The Lord's Table Worth Remembering

The First Last Supper

This is the first message in a series on the meaning of the 'Lord's Table,' often called the Eucharist, Sacrament of Communion, Covenant Meal or Lord's Supper. The meaning is found not in the ritual but in the remembering!

Biblical Remembrance and The Last Supper "...Do this in remembrance of Me."

"Disciplined remembrance is institutionalized in Biblical faith because we are called to interpret our present circumstance in light of God's known faithfulness in the past. The Hebrew was called to walk, as it were, backwards into the future, always keeping an eye on the past through the festivals and meditation on God's law and acts." *Dr. Dennis Kinlaw*

1. Remembering From The Old Testament

All Biblical feasts and memorials are a sensory experience for the purpose of integrating faith and life for the goal of complete obedience to God.

- The Shabbat: *Deut 5:15* Weekly remembering...
- Memorial stones: *Josh 4:4-24* Here and many other places stones were erected as a reminder of what took place at that location.
- Passover *Exo 12:14* A meal to remember...
- Purim *Esther 9:26-28* Remembering how God deals with those who scheme against Israel.

2. The Consequences of Forgetfulness *Psalms 103:2*

"**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits**"

- Forgetfulness: It always led to wandering from God. "*So the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD. They forgot the LORD their God, and served the Baals...*" *Judg 3:7*
- Why do we forget? People forget what they do not call to remembrance. We need more often to be reminded than to be informed!
- Have you [we] forgotten Jesus? We often forget Jesus—even daily. In the hour or moment of grief, pain, sin, pleasure, joy—our hearts turn away.

3. The Power of the Lord's Table Remembrance

- The road to Emmaus *Luke 24:13-35* This account foreshadows the REVELATION experience available at the Lord's table.
"As they sat down to eat, **He took the bread and blessed it. Then He broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him.** *Luk 24:30-31a*
- Remembering the Lord's death: The Lord's Table is to call us to 'remembrance' [*as if we were there at the cross*]. The bread and the cup link us to a historic event [*Christ's death*]. Reverence for the past is merged with relevance in the present...the POWER of the BLOOD of the LAMB.

Let FAITH arise!

1 Cor 11:23-26 (NKJV)

:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; **:24** and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**"

:25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. **This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.**"

:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Luke 22:17-20 (NKJV)

:17 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves;

:18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

:19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**"

:20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

2 Peter 1:12-13; 3:1-2 NKJV

1:12 For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.

1:13 Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,

3:1 Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder),

3:2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior....